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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT

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1. DURING MEETING WITH BETTIN OF MFA CULTURAL SECTION ON MARCH 11, P AND C OFFICER RAISED QUESTION OF STATE LIBRARY LOANS TO SMITHSONIAN AND CURRENT DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED. BETTIN, WHO PASSED ON ORIGINAL APPROVAL OF THE EXCHANGE REPORTED IN REFTEL C, AND WHO HAD BEEN QUERIED ON THE SUBJECT PREVIOUSLY WHEN THE MEETING WAS REQUESTED, WAS WELL INFORMED ON THE CURRENT SITUATION.

2. HE STATED THAT THE TERMS FOR THE LOAN OF THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS HAD BEEN REVISED DUE TO THEIR FRAGILITY AND VALUE, AND IN LIGHT OF THE

INCREASING NUMBER OF THEFTS OF VALUABLE AR OBJECTS FROM MUSEUMS. A RECENT GDR DECISION CONCERNING LOANS, HE SAID, HAD BEEN TAKEN ACCORDING TO WHICH NO ORIGINAL ART OBJECTS OR PAINTING SO F GREAT VALUE WOULD BE LOANED. INSTEAD, GIVEN THE FACT THAT IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO MAKE COPIES INDISTIGUISHABLE FROM THE ORIGINALS EXCEPT BY EXPERTS, ONLY COPIES WOULD BE LOANED.

3. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY, DR. BETTIN STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS INFORMATION HAD BEEN MADE KNOWN TO THE SMITHSONIAN BY THE STATE LIBRARY. IT IS TRANSMITTED BY THE EMBASSY IN THE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE SMITHSONIAN IN ITS FURTHER PLANNING. COOPER

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